

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Council Chambers, Beck Municipal Building

Minutes

Present: P. Aho, J. Armstrong, J. Coite, M. Gilbert, M. Hart, M. Kirk, H. Rhynhart, M. Sargent, P. Shapiro, W. Simpson, B. Wood

Staff: M. Capriola, L. Painter, (*Town*); C. van Zelm (*MDP*)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

1. Meeting Minutes

Aho noted a needed correction that he was present at the 12/8/15 meeting. Hart made the motion, seconded by Aho to approve the minutes of 12/8/15 as corrected. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

None.

2. Updates:

a. *Mansfield Tomorrow*. Painter provided an update. The Planning and Zoning Commission is now in the process of updating their planning, zoning, and subdivision regulations. Painter announced the pedestrian and bicycle master planning process that is underway. The alcoholic permitting process, and the process to amend allowable permits, was discussed.

b. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*. Van Zelm provided an update on commercial tenancies, apartment leasing, and the progress of the owner occupied homes. The 2016 events schedule was distributed.

c. *USG*. Tabled.

3. Mansfield Ad hoc Committee on Rental Housing

Hart provided information on the recently created ad hoc Committee on rental housing. The Committee will consist of members from both the Town Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Committee's first meeting is being held 2/10/16.

4. Membership Update/MOA Update

A draft revised MOA regarding Committee membership and scope was reviewed. Sargent made the motion, seconded by Hart to add a membership slot for a Planning and Zoning Commission member; the motion passed unanimously. By consensus, the Committee agreed that the *Mansfield* Community Campus Partnership would be re-named the Community Campus Partnership. Hart made the motion, seconded by Simpson, to recommend to the Town Council the draft MOA as revised; the motion passed unanimously.

5. UCONN South Campus Project

Coite provided an update on the status of the EIE (houses/parking area along Gilbert/Whitney Roads). Wood spoke to documenting the history of the building uses and the planned student recreational facility and park area.

6. Other Business

UConn enrollment projections (and related impacts) was flagged as a future agenda item.

Coite announced Discovery Drive was opened to traffic on 12/18/15.

Simpson inquired about Region 19's interest in selling their current property and relocating to the Depot Campus area.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, Assistant Town Manager
Town of Mansfield